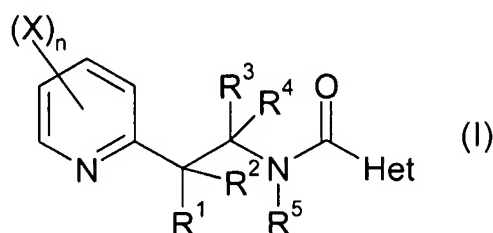


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



in which:

n is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each X is independently selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a pentafluoro- λ^6 -sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a formylamino group, a carboxy group, a carbamoyl group, a N-hydroxycarbamoyl group, a carbamate group, a (hydroxyimino)- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl group, a C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, a C_2 - C_8 -alkenyl, a C_2 - C_8 -alkynyl, a C_1 - C_8 -alkylamino, a di- C_1 - C_8 -alkylamino, a C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy, a C_1 - C_8 -halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1 - C_8 -alkylsulfanyl, a C_1 - C_8 -halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2 - C_8 -alkenyloxy, a C_2 - C_8 -halogenoalkenyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3 - C_8 -alkynyloxy, a C_3 - C_8 -halogenoalkynyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, a C_3 - C_8 -halogenocycloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1 - C_8 -alkylcarbonyl, a

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C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylcarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylcarbamoyl, a di-C₁-C₈-alkylcarbamoyl, a N-C₁-C₈-alkyloxy-carbamoyl, a C₁-C₈-alkoxy-carbamoyl, a N-C₁-C₈-alkyl-C₁-C₈-alkoxy-carbamoyl, a C₁-C₈-alkoxy-carbonyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkoxy-carbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylcarbonylamino, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylcarbonylamino having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a di-C₁-C₈-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a C₁-C₈-alkyloxy-carbonyloxy, a C₁-C₈-alkylsulphenyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylsulphanyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylsulphanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylsulphonyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₆-alkoxyimino, a (C₁-C₆-alkoxyimino)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, a (C₁-C₆-alkenyloxyimino)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, a (C₁-C₆-alkynyloxyimino)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, a (benzyloxyimino)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, a benzyloxy, a benzylsulfanyl, a benzylamino, a phenoxy, a phenylsulfanyl and a phenylamino;

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a formylamino group, a carboxy group, a carbamoyl group, a N-hydroxycarbamoyl group, a carbamate group, a (hydroxyimino)-C₁-C₆-alkyl group, a C₁-C₈-alkyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₂-C₈-alkenyl, a C₂-C₈-alkynyl, a C₁-C₈-alkylamino, a di-C₁-C₈-alkylamino, a C₁-C₈-alkoxy, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylsulfanyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₂-C₈-alkenyloxy, a

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C₂-C₈-halogenoalkenyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₃-C₈-alkynyloxy, a C₃-C₈-halogenoalkynyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, a C₃-C₈-halogenocycloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylcarbonyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylcarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylcarbamoyl, a di-C₁-C₈-alkylcarbamoyl, a N-C₁-C₈-alkyloxycarbamoyl, a C₁-C₈-alkoxycarbamoyl, a N-C₁-C₈-alkyl-C₁-C₈-alkoxycarbamoyl, a C₁-C₈-alkoxycarbonyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkoxycarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylcarbonylamino, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylcarbonylamino having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a di-C₁-C₈-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a C₁-C₈-alkyloxycarbonyloxy, a C₁-C₈-alkylsulphenyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylsulphanyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylsulphanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₈-alkylsulphonyl, a C₁-C₈-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a benzyloxy, a benzylsulfanyl, a benzylamino, a phenoxy, a phenylsulfanyl or a phenylamino, a phenyl group, and a phenyl sulphanyl group;

or R¹ and R² may form together a cyclopropyl, a cyclobutyl, a cyclopentyl or a cyclohexyl;

with the proviso that when three of the four substituents R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are a hydrogen atom, then the fourth substituent is not a hydrogen atom;

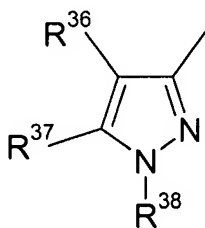
R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₆-alkyl, a C₁-C₆-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a

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C₁-C₆-alkoxy, a C₁-C₆-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, a C₃-C₆-halogenocycloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₂-C₆-alkenyl, a C₂-C₆-alkynyl, a C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₁-C₆-alkyl, a C₁-C₆-cyanoalkyl, a C₁-C₆-aminoalkyl, a C₁-C₆-alkylamino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, a di-C₁-C₆-alkylamino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, a C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, a C₁-C₆-halogenalkylcarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₆-alkyloxycarbonyl, a C₁-C₆-benzyloxycarbonyl, a C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, a C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl and a C₁-C₆-halogenoalkylsulfonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms;

Het represents ~~5-, 6- or 7-membered heterocycle with one, two or three heteroatoms which may be the same or different; Het being linked by a carbon atom and being at least substituted in the position immediately adjacent to said carbon atom linkage~~ a substituted pyrazole ring selected from the group consisting of:

(A)



wherein:

R³⁶ is selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a

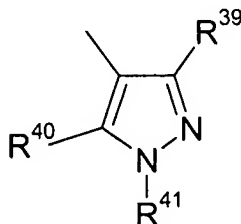
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C₁-C₄-alkylthio, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkylthio having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, an aminocarbonyl group, and an aminocarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R³⁷ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy, and a C₁-C₄-alkylthio; and

R³⁸ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a phenyl, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a hydroxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₂-C₆-alkenyl, a C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, and a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms;

(B)



wherein:

R³⁹ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₄-alkylthio, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkylthio having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, an aminocarbonyl, and an aminocarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl;

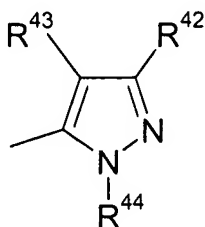
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R⁴⁰ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, and a C₁-C₄-alkylthio; and

R⁴¹ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a hydroxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₂-C₆-alkenyl, a C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, and a phenyl optionally substituted by a halogen atom, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxyalkyl or a nitro group;

provided that the R³⁹ and R⁴⁰ are not both a hydrogen atom; and

(C)



wherein:

R⁴² is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₄-alkylthio, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkylthio having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, an aminocarbonyl, and an aminocarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl;

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R⁴³ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy, a C₁-C₄-alkylthio, and a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms;

R⁴⁴ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a phenyl, a benzyl, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a hydroxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₂-C₆-alkenyl, a C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, a C₁-C₄-alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, and a C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms;

provided that R⁴³ and R⁴⁴ are not both a hydrogen atom;

as well as its ~~salts~~ salt and N-oxides.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein n is 1, 2 or 3.
3. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein at least one of the X substituents is selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a C₁-C₈-alkyl, a C₁-C₆-alkoxyimino, a (C₁-C₆-alkoxyimino)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, and a C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl.
4. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein the 2-pyridyl is substituted in 3-, 5- and/or in 6-position.

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5. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, a C₁-C₆-alkyl, a C₁-C₆-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₂-C₆-alkenyl, a C₁-C₆-alkoxy, a C₁-C₆-alkylsulfanyl, a C₁-C₆-alkylsulfenyl, a C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, a C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, a C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonylamino, a C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyloxy, a C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonylamino and a phenyl group.

6. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 5 wherein R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a C₁-C₆-alkyl, a C₁-C₆-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms and a C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonylamino.

7. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a C₁-C₆-alkyl, a C₁-C₆-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonylamino and a phenyl group.

8. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 7 wherein R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a C₁-C₆-alkyl, a C₁-C₆-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms and a phenyl group.

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9. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom and a C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl.

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14. (Previously Presented) A fungicidal composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 and an agriculturally acceptable support.

15. (Previously Presented) A method for combating the phytopathogenic fungi of crops comprising applying an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of the composition of claim 14 to the plant seeds or to the plant leaves and/or to the fruits of the plants or to the soil in which the plants are growing or in which it is desired to grow them.